

Abstract:

Method for installing and configuring software components

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The invention relates to a method, rule package (RP), framework (FW) and client program (KP) for the automatic installation and configuration of software components (SW) in a computer network (1), which comprises a plurality of client 10 computers (2) and at least one network resource (RES) of installable software components (SW), wherein successful installation of a software component (SW) may have as a prerequisite the presence or absence of another software component (SW), and to correspondingly programmed computers 15 and data storage media. In particular, each rule package (RP) comprises at least one of the following four routines: a routine (4) for installing the software component (SW) on the client computer (2), a routine (4') for deinstalling said software, a routine (5) for configuring the installed software 20 component (SW), and a routine (5') for undoing (deconfiguring) the configuration thereof, wherein the rule packages (RP) are run on the client computer (2), calling their installation routines (4) and then their configuration routines (5) and running is triggered by a local event (16-19) on the 25 particular client computer (2).

(Fig. 2)